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Home Sweet Home



Dear Friends,

Growing up, my parents welcomed foster children into our family, and I saw the difference a safe, loving home could make in the life of a child. Ever since, improving the foster care system has been a cause about which I care deeply. There are too many children who languish in the system, aging out before finding their "forever family."

Randy Colon was one of those children. Now 21, Randy experienced six placements in nine years before aging out of the system. I had the pleasure of spending some time with Randy during the [fifth annual Foster Youth Shadow Day](#). Thanks to his own hard work and determination, he is on a path to success, living independently and studying to be a veterinarian.

But Randy is an exceptional young man, and the experiences he had in foster care could have led to a very different outcome. Each failed placement damages a child's self-worth. That kind of trauma is exactly what we need to avoid. I introduced the [All Kids Matter](#)

Join the Conversation:



Save The Date

LUNCH WITH LANGEVIN

Join the conversation!

Saturday, June 18

Noon-2:00pm

Bravo Wood Fired Pizza
6689 Post Rd
North Kingstown

Did You Know...?

AROUND THE DISTRICT

The interactive map on Rep. Langevin's website will show you where he's been and what he's been up to across Rhode Island in 2016. >>

FAST FACT

May was National Foster Youth Month, and Rep. Langevin spoke on the House floor about the importance of supporting permanency for all children. >>

In Other News

CYBER PROGRESS

Rep. Langevin, co-founder and co-chair of the Cybersecurity Caucus, introduced a resolution in

[Act](#) to allow states to use federal foster care funding for more preventative services. In some cases, foster care may be the only suitable option, but by [adding flexibility in foster care spending](#), early intervention and family support services could potentially avoid a crisis and spare a child from the anxiety of being forcibly removed from their home.

Our kids deserve better.

This bill is one of many I have introduced to protect kids, from [my efforts to end re-homing](#) to my [Foster Youth Financial Security Act](#) that passed into law in 2011. Stay informed on my work on behalf of foster youth, and all children, on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Welcome, Joe

It was a tremendous honor to welcome Vice President Joe Biden back to Rhode Island for an event focused on infrastructure. Prior to the speaking program, I joined the Vice President under a dilapidated bridge in East Providence, and the crumbling structure underscored the critical nature of the infrastructure challenges we face in our state. Vice President Biden gets it. He believes, as do I, that with political will and smart investments, we can rebuild our highways and bridges to meet the demands of today and the future.



Under the Sea

I was proud to join my colleagues in the Congressional delegation last month in announcing more than [\\$1.8 million in grant funding](#) for oceans research and coastal data archives at the University of Rhode Island. URI is an epicenter of marine studies in the Ocean State, and these funds will allow the university and its students to better [study and protect our oceans](#), and make our environment more resilient.

support of the Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity. >>

SECURING THE NATION

In a speech on the House floor, Rep. Langevin outlined the important provisions included in the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act. >>

VISIT ABROAD

Rep. Langevin joined the House Committee on Homeland Security on a trip to Israel to learn from their leadership in cybersecurity and technology. >>

TECH SUPPORT

As co-chair of the Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus, Rep. Langevin underscored the need for more robust technology and computer science education. >>

BACKING BUSINESS

Rep. Langevin attended the E Awards ceremony recognizing Rhode Island business Taco and the Chafee Center at Bryant University for their excellence in exporting. >>

HELPING FRIENDS

In an op-ed to the *Providence Journal*, Yehuda Yaakov credited Rep. Langevin with working to strengthen U.S.-Israeli relationships. >>

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